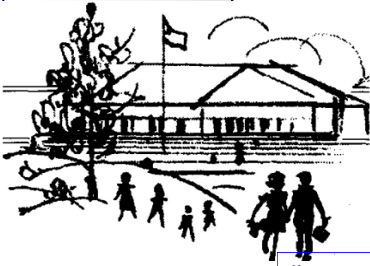


November 2016

# Graham County School News



*Graham County School Superintendent*

*Donna M. McGaughey*

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*"Providing Quality Service and Support to Graham County Schools"*

Please visit our website  
[www.graham.az.gov](http://www.graham.az.gov)

## Superintendent's Message

I am extremely thankful for the caliber of people we have in our communities, and in our schools in particular. The hail storm that hit Safford was devastating to the schools in this district. Lafe Nelson School is still closed, undergoing extensive repairs, and all of the other buildings are still not back to 100%. The other schools have opened their doors to those displaced students and teachers and have made them feel at home. The other districts in Graham County have offered all kinds of support, and this is a testament to the kind of people who live here; generous, compassionate, caring.

The month started off with all of the Graham County Fair activities, which brought our students out and served as a venue to showcase their many talents. Congratulations to the schools who entered the parade and won! Even though many of our citizens were still cleaning up after the storm, dozens of volunteers came out for the "Make a Difference Day" and helped clean up throughout the county. The Arizona Department of Education visited us twice last month to assist our administrators and teachers and saved them on time and resources. We finished up the month with the Arizona School Boards Assoc. Graham/Greenlee county visits where several of our school board members were honored with service awards. Its November, and we can show our thanks by honoring our service branches on Veterans Day and enjoying our families on Thanksgiving.

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[www.graham.az.gov](http://www.graham.az.gov)

Click on:  
School Superintendent,  
Workshops

## Dates to remember:

**Nov. 8**—Election Day

**Nov. 11**—Veterans Day

**Nov. 14**—Rodel Math 20/20 Administrator Leadership meeting 8 -10:00 a.m.

**Nov. 17**—Rodel Math 20/20 training for grade 5 teachers 8-3:00, Assembly Room

**Nov. 18**—Rodel Math 20/20 training for grade 2 teachers 8-3:00, Safford District Office board room

**Nov. 24**—Thanksgiving Day

**Nov. 28**—Graham/Greenlee Superintendents meet in Solomon at noon

**Dec. 12**—Last day to enroll with Scripps to be eligible for the Graham County Spelling Bee

**Dec. 14-16**—ASBA Annual Conference

**Plan to attend SEATA! Save the dates, June 5-8, 2017**





**2016**

***Race to the Graham County Fair***

***Parade Winners***

***Graham County School Prizes:***

***Senior Class Float—Pima High School Senior Class  
\$500***

***Junior Class Float—Thatcher High School Junior Class  
\$400***

***Junior High School Float—Pima Jr. High  
\$200***

***Elementary School Float—Dorothy Stinson School  
\$200***

***Band—Safford High School Marching Band  
The Steurmer Award Silver Bowl***

Congratulations to everyone for participating in the Graham County Fair Parade. It's only as good as we make it, and this year it was fantastic!

Thanks to the teachers who entered their classroom projects and/or assisted them with their judged entries.

# 2017 Graham County Spelling Bee Information

## *Important Dates to Remember:*

**October 15, 2016—December 12, 2016 Late enrollment period.**

**December 1, 2016—January 16, 2017** Schools must hold school bees on or before January 16, 2017, to be included in the next level of competition.

**January 31, 2017**—District bees must be held by this date.

**February 1, 2017**—Send winner names to the Graham County School Office.

**February 15, 2017—Graham County Spelling Bee**

**March 3, 2017**—County winners' bios and photos are due to AEF by this date.

**March 25, 2017**—The Arizona State Spelling Bee will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Arizona PBS.

**June 1, 2017**—Scripps National Spelling Bee will be held in Washington, DC.



### Commonly Misspelled Words

guidance	invitation	marriage	omission	picture
happiness	irrelevant	mathematics	operate	piece
heroes	irritable	medicine	optimism	planning
humorous	island	miniature	original	pleasant
identity	jealous	minute	ought	political
Imaginary	judgment	mysterious	paid	possess
imitation	knowledge	naturally	parallel	possible
immediately	laboratory	necessary	particularly	practical
incidentally	length	neighbor	peculiar	prefer
independent	lesson	neither	perceive	prejudice
Intelligent	library	noticeable	perform	presence
interesting	license	occasion	permanent	privilege
interfere	loneliness	occurred	persevere	probably
interpretation	losing	official	personally	professional
interruption	lying	often	persuade	promise



## Look what the good folks at E.A.S.I. have planned for you!



WordItOut

All teachers who teach STEM subjects are invited to join the Eastern Arizona Science Initiative, known as E.A.S.I. They have a wonderful slate of camps, professional development and meetings planned. This is the schedule, subject to slight changes, but use this to plan ahead.

**Please let all new teachers know about the wonderful opportunities gained by joined E.A.S.I.! It's easy!**

### 2016 -2017 EASI Camps and Events Calendar:

Wed. Nov. 9	November EASI Meeting	Wed. Apr. 12	April EASI Meeting
Sat. Nov. 19	ASTA Conference	Wed. May. 10	May EASI Meeting
Wed. Dec. 14	December EASI Meeting	Tue. May 30-June 1	Tonto Creek STEM Camp Grade 7-10 (partnership with EAC)
Sat. Dec. 10	G.O. (Girls Only) STEM Camp	M-Th Jun. 5-8	Southeastern AZ Teachers Academy
Wed. Jan. 11	January EASI Meeting	M-W Jun. 12-14	EASI Summer Science Camp – Grade 6-9
Wed. Feb. 8	February EASI Meeting	M-F Jun. 19-21	High School Science Camp – Grade 8-12
Sat. Feb. 11	Middle School Saturday Science Camp	Wed. Aug. 9,	August EASI Meeting
Wed. Mar. 8	March EASI Meeting	Wed. Sep. 13	September EASI Meeting
Sat. Mar. 11	E. A. Regional Science Fair Competition	Wed. Oct. 11	October EASI Meeting

Contact Jackie Madsen at [Jackie.madsen@eac.edu](mailto:Jackie.madsen@eac.edu)  
Or call the EAC Discovery Park Campus at 928-428-6260



***The EAC Discovery Park Campus is available to help you have a fun, safe, and educational Science field trip, and best of all ... there's no cost!***

**EAC Discovery Park Campus staff offer exciting field trip opportunities with lessons available in two subjects areas;**

**Habitat (native plants and animals)**

Animal Tracks 7 Signs  
Animal Adaptations  
Pond Water Micro-Life  
Dendrochronology/Native Plants

**Astronomy**

Solar System Walk  
UV Beads / Polaris Shuttle Rides  
The Electromagnetic Spectrum  
Light, Energy and Lasers!

**The EAC Discovery Park Campus staff instructors and volunteers are here to help you.**

***EAC Discovery Park offers a variety of educational opportunities not found anywhere else!***

- *Graham County Historical Society's collection of early Gila Valley artifacts.*
- *Amazing interactive Electromagnetic spectrum display.*
- *Our friends Galileo, Isaac Newton, and Albert Einstein show us the "History of Astronomy".*
- *The World's largest permanently mounted "Camera Obscura" - light, refraction, and perspective.*
- *The DPC research-grade 20" Tinsley Telescope in the "Gov Aker" Observatory.*
- *"Nature's Hideaway" Pond- see native animals in a natural Sonoran Desert Riparian Habitat.*
- *The endangered Chiricahua Leopard Frog Ranarium Breeding program.*
- *Native Box Turtle and Sonoran/Mojave Tortoise Live animal displays*
- *The "Mill's Collection" of Pre-Historic Native American Pottery and Artifacts.*
- *And the exciting "Polaris" shuttle ride simulator for amazing facts about our Solar System!*

**Contact Jackie at the EAC Discovery Park Campus for more information or to schedule a field trip: (928) 428-6260 or e-mail: [jackie.madsen@eac.edu](mailto:jackie.madsen@eac.edu)**

## **Ensuring readiness for college and career begins in early childhood**

**Safford** (Oct 2016) – As we recognize Veteran's Day this month, we can begin building in our young children an appreciation of our nation's veterans and their service to our country.

In addition to modeling to young children how to show gratitude to veterans for their service, families of young children can play a crucial role in the future of our nation's military. According to a national organization made of retired top military leaders, 71 percent of today's young adults cannot join the military due to problems including education, obesity, crime and drug abuse.

**Mission:** Readiness is comprised of more than 600 retired admirals, generals and top military leaders who advocate for high-quality early childhood experiences, including parent coaching and early education, to build a foundation for long-term success.

The nonpartisan organization Council for a Strong America recently released a Citizen-Readiness Index that graded states on whether their young adults possess the necessary skills to contribute to a strong citizenry. Arizona earned a "D" based on the large number of young adults who are unprepared for the workforce, involved in crime, or unqualified for the military.

"Research shows that high-quality early childhood education can put more children on track for success in school and in life," said retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Terrence A. Feehan, who is an Arizona member of Mission: Readiness. "As a retired U.S. Air Force Major General that served our nation for more than 30 years, I believe that investing in high-quality preschool programs today will help strengthen our economy and national security for years to come." Ensuring readiness for college and career begins in early childhood. First Things First is doing its part to help Arizona's young kids be ready for success in kindergarten and beyond through high quality early childhood experiences.

Research shows that 90 percent of a child's brain develops before age 5. Critical skills like motivation, self-discipline, focus and self-esteem begin to take root from birth. Ensuring that children have high-quality experiences during these critical early years has tremendous impact on kids *and* their communities.

Children who are prepared for kindergarten are more likely to do well in school and graduate from high school. As adults, they tend to be healthier and earn more. They also are less likely to become part of the criminal justice system or the welfare system. These are all things that retired generals and admirals point to as strengthening national security by ensuring kids stay in school, stay fit and stay out of trouble. It is crucial young kids receive support from family and their community, so whether you have a child 5 and younger in your life or not – investing time, energy and resources in helping kids arrive at kindergarten prepared to be successful is not only right, it's smart. Here are just a few ways that we can make a difference in their future – and ours.

**Spend Time with Young Children** – Talk, play, sing and read with the young kids in your life every chance you get.

**Work With Young Kids** – Not interested in early childhood as a career? Consider volunteering with community organizations that work with children 5 and younger and their families.

**Be A Voice for Children** – Help build awareness of the importance of early childhood and what can be done to promote school readiness for all children. Visit [azftf.gov/take-action](http://azftf.gov/take-action) to learn more and share early childhood information with your personal and professional contacts.

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**About First Things First** – First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early education and health programs to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit [FirstThingsFirst.org](http://FirstThingsFirst.org).



## Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family Issues 2nd Annual Statewide Youth Challenge



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### **Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family Issues**

#### **2nd Annual Statewide Youth Challenge**

September 21, 2016 - Which county will win this year? The Governor's Youth Commission (GYC) challenges Arizona's youth to service with the 2nd annual friendly competition between all fifteen counties. This competition encourages all youth in Arizona to implement service projects in their communities from September 19, 2016 - January 7, 2017 and record them on the GYC website: [BeSeenBeHeard.az.gov](http://BeSeenBeHeard.az.gov) with photos and videos. Last year La Paz County set the standard for mobilizing youth and ranked number one! With all of the counties competing, over 94,000 youth-led service hours were logged. The county with the most projects will receive special recognition from the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF).

"I am so inspired by all the motivated youth in Arizona who serve others. This competition is a great way to improve our neighborhoods and connect our communities," shared the GOYFF Director, Debbie Moak. "I look forward to seeing which county will mobilize the most youth and win this year's competition."

The GYC seeks to form a collective voice, while inspiring youth across the state to bring about positive change. Along with the service competition that runs through January, all Arizona youth are encouraged to participate in the Global Youth Service Day on April 21-23, 2017. For the second year in a row, Arizona was ranked number one in the world for the most youth-led service projects completed.

Like us on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/gycaz](https://www.facebook.com/gycaz) and join us on Twitter: [@azgyc](https://twitter.com/azgyc). If you tweet us and send us a photo of your volunteer project, we will retweet you.

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## Teacher certification offered locally by Arizona State University

Convenient, face-to-face classes at EAC for aspiring teachers

[Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College](#) at Arizona State University offers teacher certification courses at Eastern Arizona College through a [unique partnership](#). Once students successfully obtain an associate degree and enroll in this program, they can take ASU courses on the EAC campus at a discounted rate. This BAE (Bachelor of Arts in Education) certification in secondary education prepares educators to teach grades 6-12.

The program requires two years to complete and includes teaching experiences. Students have internships during the first year, allowing them to spend one day per week in classrooms. During their second year, teacher candidates do their student teaching, which is a full-time, year-long apprenticeship. This experience, known as iTeachAZ,, is unmatched in Arizona. The hands-on clinical model creates highly sought-after graduates who are ready to begin teaching as soon as they graduate.

For more information on this and other programs, please sign up for the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College newsletter [here](#).



### GILA VALLEY COWBOY POETRY & MUSIC GATHERING

**EVENT DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2016**

STUDENT COWBOY POETRY & WESTERN ART PROGRAM

### **THEME FOR 2016**

**DARK CLOUDS and SILVER LININGS**

**Safford City/Graham County Library**

**5:00—7:00 p.m.**







## STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM for GOVERNMENTAL, NONPROFIT & PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

*Provided through a partnership with the Association of Educational Service Agencies  
and Innovative Student Loan Solutions*

### DID YOU KNOW ...



Average student loan debt for undergraduates = \$26,000

A Master's Degree = \$26,500

Cost of attending college has increased 439% since 1982

46% of student loans are in default



***The AACSS Program lifts the burden of student loans*** We can help your employees save an average of \$600 a month on their student loan payments and help them achieve an average of \$60,000 in loan forgiveness!

#### FOR EMPLOYERS

New voluntary benefit for employees  
Enhance recruitment  
Increase retention rates  
Zero cost to implement

#### FOR EMPLOYEES

Immediately reduce monthly payments  
Eliminate student loan balance  
No cost, no obligation consultations  
Personalized 10-year plan

VALUE



#### **The Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program ...**

Established by Congress through the College Cost Reduction & Access Act of 2007 and enhanced in 2009 and 2012 to encourage individuals to enter public service jobs.

The PSLF Program provides benefits the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program doesn't ...

**No cap** on loan balance forgiven

**All public employers** qualify

**All full-time employees** are eligible

**Immediate benefit** with loan forgiveness after 10 years of service

#### **How it works...**

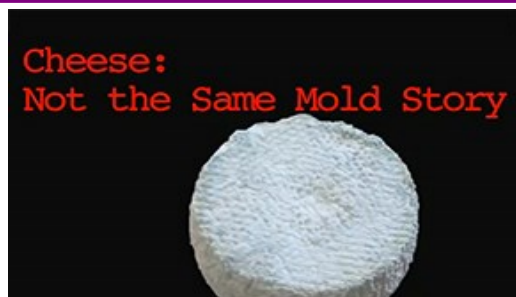
1. AACSS provides easy-to-share information to governmental, nonprofit and public service employers throughout Arizona.
2. Interested employees click... <https://aacss.myisls.com>, or Scan QR Code:  
Enter Registration Code **AACSS**, call 1.866.831.5564  
or email: [advisor@isloansolutions.com](mailto:advisor@isloansolutions.com)





## Explore the World of Chemistry with *NOVA: Hunting the Elements*

Elements are the hidden ingredients of everything in our world, from the carbon in our bodies to the metals in our smartphone. To unlock their secrets, *NOVA's Hunting the Elements* spins viewers through the world of weird, extreme chemistry: the strongest acids, the deadliest poisons, and the universe's most abundant- and rarest- elements. This collection will allow you and your students to explore this fascinating chemical landscape and take a tour across the periodic table. [Explore Collection](#)



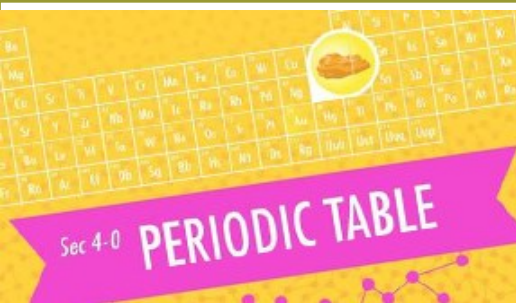
## Cheesy Chemistry | *Science Friday* | Grades 6-8

Introduce basic chemistry concepts to students in grades 6-8. In this activity, students will learn how to make a simple cheese using kitchen utensils and household ingredients. [View Lesson Plan](#)



## Chemistry & Physics | Grades 9-12

This collection features resources for teaching advanced high school chemistry and physics. Each 30-minute video provides content while providing clear opportunities to pause the program and interact with your students, engaging them in discussions, problem-solving, and laboratory activities. [View Collection](#)



## Chemistry | Crash Course | Grades 9-12

Crash Course offers quick-paced, imaginative videos aimed at learners of all ages. Explore this amazing chemistry collection with videos on topics including the nucleus, unit conversion, the periodic table, and more. [View Collection](#)



## Calling All Social Studies Teachers: We Want to Learn How You Teach the American Civil War!

This short survey was designed to help us better understand how you teach your students about the American Civil War. We'll use the results to help inform our decisions as we develop new classroom content! [Begin Survey](#)



Enter the #TeachBoldly Sweepstakes!

Visit the new PBS Teachers' Lounge and enter the #TeachBoldly Sweepstakes today! You could win a month's supply of coffee for your team- OR, the grand prize, a completely teched-out makeover of the teachers' lounge at your school! [Enter Now](#)



Check Out *We the Voters*: 20 Films to Engage Students in the Democratic Process

PBS has partnered with *We the Voters* on a nonpartisan digital project featuring short films that help to engage students in the democratic process. The films and lesson plans provide a fresh perspective on democracy, elections, governance, and debating, appropriate for grades 8-12. [View Resources](#)



Online Course | Plants and Animals - STEM Professional Development from WGBH | Grades K-4

Lead your students' examination of the structures and functions of plants and animals and help them understand how they meet their needs as living things. [Enroll Now](#)



**Online Course— Accomplished Science Teaching Guiding Student Learning Grades K-12**

Through this course, learners focus on the evolution of student learning of science concepts. This research-based course draws upon data from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards' performance assessment of science teachers. [Enroll Now](#)

## Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA)

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# New Lesson! Featured at GeoConference 2016

## Treacherous Trenches

**Description:** In this lesson students will learn through an historical example some of the hardships that soldiers experienced due to extremely deadly weapons created to fight WWI (1914-18). They will work together to synthesize information from various primary and secondary sources and draw conclusions about the effectiveness of trench warfare as a military tactic.

**Author:** Meghan Hauter

**Grade Range:** High School

**Duration:** 3 class periods

### Teacher Instructions

### Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys

### Treacherous Trenches PowerPoint

### Map Analysis Tool with a Geographic Lens

### **Materials to Assist Teachers and English Language Learners:**

### Vocabulary Cards

### Vocabulary Test and Answer Key

**Other materials which might be useful:**

### Map: Europe before World War One (1914)

### Map: Europe after World War One (1918)

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### Geography Awareness Week - Explore the Power of Parks

Celebrate geography November 13 - 19, 2016

**Acadia National Park - Maine**

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=88475&src=eo-a-iotd>

It has had many different names: Pemetic. Isles des Monts Déserts. Sieur de Monts National Monument. Lafayette National Park.

It has had several superlatives: First national park east of the Mississippi River. Highest mountain along the U.S. East Coast. First place you can spot the sunrise in the United States.

It has been settled and re-settled by at least three different cultures—the Wabanaki, the French, the English—and drawn fishermen, farmers, artists, and the upper crust of late Victorian America—the Rockefellers, Morgans, Fords, Vanderbilts, Carnegies, and Astors.

Today, Acadia National Park is one of the most visited parks in America, drawing more than 2.5 million visitors per year to the craggy, jagged coast of Maine. The park is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2016.



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## New Lesson!

## Featured at GeoConference 2016

### Plastic Soup: A PSA for the Ocean

**Description:** In this lesson students will create a thirty second to one minute Public Service Announcement (PSA) that utilizes knowledge obtained from reading scientific articles, watching videos, and investigating internet resources. This lesson includes strategies for teaching diverse learners.

**Author:** Liz Gingrich

**Grade Range:** 8

**Duration:** 3-5 class periods

[Teacher Instructions](#)

[Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys](#)

[Map – World](#) (Atlantic View)

**Materials to Assist Teachers and English Language Learners:**

[Vocabulary Cards](#)

[Vocabulary Test and Answer Key](#)

**Other material that may be useful:**

[Map – World](#) (Pacific View)

[From Sea to Shining Sea website](#)

[From Sea to Shining Sea: Exploring America's Ocean](#)

**Realms – pdf about U.S. undersea places**

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**NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries Media Library**

[https://marinelife.noaa.gov/media\\_lib/](https://marinelife.noaa.gov/media_lib/)

The National Marine Sanctuaries Media Library is an online vault where a comprehensive collection of public domain photographs and short video clips from all 14 marine protected areas that NOAA manages and NOAA Ocean Exploration and Research are stored and available for searchable access and download. Categories organized by Human Impact, Maritime Heritage, Recreation, Education & Outreach, Scenic Beauty, Citizen Science. Images for Web, for print and video. Searchable.

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## Professional Development Save the Date

**State level -- Registration open now!**

### National Geography Standards

From the National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE)

<http://alliances.nationalgeographic.com/detail/the-national-geography-standards/edn7EBAD664C732EoD98>

### NGS cheat sheet for the National Geography Standards

<http://nationalgeographic.org/standards/national-geography-standards/>

The Standard (all 18) with an expanded entries to explain the ideas for 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grades plus the Essential Element (like the 5 themes) the standard to which relates.

### Arizona Science Teachers Association (ASTA)

November 6-7, 2016 (Friday – Saturday)

NAU North Valley Phoenix Campus

<https://www.azsta.org/conferences>

### Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA)

Saturday, November 12, 2016 (Saturday and no cost)

GeoDayTrip - GeoCivics: A Day at the Capitol Mall <http://geoalliance.asu.edu/node/866>

### National Council for the Social Studies

2016 Annual Conference – Washington, DC

December 2-4

<http://www.socialstudies.org/conference>

### National Council for History Education (NCHE)

2017 NCHE National Conference – Atlanta, GA

March 30 – April 1, 2017

<http://www.nche.net/conference>

The **Arizona Memory Project** provides access to the wealth of primary sources in Arizona libraries, archives, museums and other cultural institutions. Visitors to the site will find some of the best examples of government documents, photographs, maps, and objects that chronicle Arizona's past and present. Visit AMP at <http://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/>



# SAFFORD CITY GRAHAM COUNTY LIBRARY



808 S. Seventh Ave.  
Safford, AZ 85546  
(928) 432-4165

The Safford City / Graham County Library offers services beyond checking out books. The Graham County School Superintendent has partnered with the library to offer homework help for students from kindergarten through college. **It's free to Graham County students.** Visit the library's homepage at [www.cityofsafford.us](http://www.cityofsafford.us) and click on the *Homework Help* icon. This will lead you to the icon for **Tutor.com**. "Check out" this free tool and get help on any subject.

Citizens looking for help with finding a job should take advantage of the services offered by Job Skills Instructor, Kevin Hansen. Mr. Hansen offers help in finding jobs and preparing resumes. Additionally, he will help coach job seekers as they practice their interview skills. This is a great service!

The library has partnered with *First Things First* to enhance literacy skills in our youngest population. In addition to story time, parents can bring their children to the Brain Box sessions and other preschool activities scheduled throughout the year. The library has secured a grant from First Things First to fund the Imagination Library Book Club. Children ages birth through five can be signed up to receive a free, age-appropriate book in the mail each month. These are just a few of the wonderful things families can explore due to the partnerships formed by the library.

Visit the Safford City / Graham County Library in person or online!



The Safford City—Graham County Library has partnered with the Arizona State Library to bring a fabulous FREE database of eBooks to our students!

Visit [www.saffordlibrary.org](http://www.saffordlibrary.org)

On the left side of the screen, click on "TumbleBooks / eBooks for Kids

"Check out" the titles, which now include non-fiction!

The books are indexed by reading levels, grade, and lexile.

Take advantage of this valuable opportunity—it's free!

Visit the Gift Shop!

Safford City / Graham County Library

808 S. Seventh Ave.

Safford, AZ 85546 928-432-4165

Hours: Mon.—Thursday 10:00 a.m. —7:00 p.m. Closed Friday—Sunday



*Speaking of wonderful resources...*

**You Can Take Free Online Courses with Universal Class**

Interested in learning new crafts and hobbies? Looking to go from amateur to pro photography? Starting a business and would like to know more about entrepreneurship? The library has you covered! Go to the library's website at [www.saffordlibrary.org](http://www.saffordlibrary.org) and sign up to take free courses with Universal Class.

Universal Class offers a diverse catalog of lifelong learning courses online including:

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| Accounting, Career Training, Office Skills | Real Estate and Entrepreneurship.      |
| Cooking, Crafts and Hobbies.               | Fine Arts and Photography.             |
| Performing Arts.                           | Parenting and Family.                  |
| Alternative Medicine, Self-Help.           | Personal Care.                         |
| Computer Training.                         | Web Development.                       |
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# United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties

## Education Grant Opportunities

### **Goal Statement:**

*The United Way of Graham & Greenlee counties recognizes that education 1) happens everywhere, 2) begins at birth and does not stop, and 3) is a collective community endeavor.*

### **Objectives:**

#### ***Improving school readiness for every child***

The United Way will support activities that help prepare children from birth-to-4 years for successful entry into kindergarten.

#### ***Supporting efforts to ensure every student reads at grade level - especially by third grade***

The United Way will support and collaborate with educators, agencies and partners who are working to address grade level reading for all grades.

#### ***Increasing student access to quality transitional programs***

The United Way will support educators, entities and programs that address learning-loss or key transitional periods for students such as after school activities, summer programs and internship opportunities.

#### ***Supporting community and school district efforts with teacher retention and recruitment***

The United Way will support school districts, businesses, governmental agencies and community development organizations to enhance teacher workforce recruitment and retention.

#### ***Providing direct support to teachers in the classroom by helping to cultivate innovative learning environments and approaches***

The United Way will partner with schools and teachers to implement innovative approaches to help address 21<sup>st</sup> Century challenges.

### ***Partnerships:***

The United Way recognizes that community partnerships are essential to achieving these education objectives. Wherever possible, the United Way will seek to strengthen and broaden community partnerships for the purposes of leveraging resources, sharing of knowledge and expertise, and enhancing program impacts.

**Apply Now!**

Visit the United Way website at <http://www.uwgraham.com/about/>

Click on "How to Apply"

Applications will be reviewed each month except during December.

# Graham County P.O.W.W.O.W. Farmer's Market



2016—2017

Produce Distribution

Home Depot Parking Lot—Thatcher

To Pre-register and for information

Please Call—

928-792-5368

## Home Depot Parking Lot

Wednesday, November 30th - 11:00 a.m. to  
2:30 p.m.

The fourth Wednesday of every month  
starting in December.

December 21st - 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

January 25th - 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

February 22nd - 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

March 22nd - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

April 19th - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

May 24th - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

- \$10 contribution (Cash Only) to shop for 60 lbs. of fresh, nutritious produce.
- Pre-register for a P.O.W.W.O.W. ID card.
- ID Card required for participation. Can obtain day of P.O.W.W.O.W.
- No income qualifications.
- Not required to accept all produce but cannot substitute one variety for another.
- Boxes available to shop for your produce.
- Handicap Accessible.

## □ Distribution Site

**Home Depot  
Parking Lot**



## Produce On Wheels With Out Waste

A program of Borderlands Food Bank a Division of Diabetes Prevention and Aid Fund.

The original \$10 for 60 lbs. of fresh, nutritious produce program.

For more information: Hotline: 800-551-6764

[www.borderlandsfoodbank.org](http://www.borderlandsfoodbank.org) <http://facebook.borderlandsfoodbank.org>

Graham County Health Department—HAPI Program

Local Phone number 928-792-5368

## **Professional Development Opportunities/ Grant Funding Alerts**

### **Fund for Teachers**

Amount: \$5,000 to \$10,000

Description: Fund for Teachers is unique in that it awards grants for professional development based on the principle that the teacher is the one who knows what they need to grow as an educator. These grants are self designed and allow teachers to create their own professional development opportunity based on what is most beneficial to their teaching in their own opinions. The application encourages educators to think about their objectives, motivations and the impact their particular plan of action will have on students.

<http://www.fundforteachers.org/>

### **Freebies to Build Better Lessons**

EngageNY curates a number of Common Core lesson plans for pre-K through 12th grade that can be searched by grade, subject and keywords. There are also curriculum maps and a rich video library.

BetterLesson houses 16,000+ Common Core, Next Gen science, and blended learning lessons created from Master Teacher projects. There are additional lessons created by the BetterLesson community, and there's a page with "new and popular" lessons of the week. It's easy to search the site. When we searched "ELA thesis statements," we found 15 lessons from Master Teachers and almost 97,000 from the community.

Grab and Go Mini-tasks for teachers to use with students immediately in the classroom are on the Literacy De-sign Collaborative website. These resources for back to school help teachers create literacy-rich assignments and courses across content areas.

### **DonorsChoose.org Makes It Simple to Help Classrooms**

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site. Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank from the students. If you're a teacher looking for support for a classroom project, just go to Donors Choose.org and start your own account. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will match \$1 million in donations to DonorsChoose.org. Donors need to enter the code JUMPSTART to have their donation matched.

**Grant Funding Alerts** *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

**Name: Annenberg Foundation**

**Who:** Areas of arts, culture and humanities, civic and community, environment, education, and human health and wellness

**Amount:** \$10,000 - \$100,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Link:** <http://www.annenbergfoundation.org/grantmaking/how-to-apply>

**Name: Arthur Vining Davis Foundations** **Who:** Projects for improving teaching

**Amount:** \$100,000-\$200,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Description:** Projects may cover a wide range of initiatives intended to improve teaching. For example, projects might be designed to improve professional development for in-service and pre-service teachers, strengthen teaching skills, support practical research in teacher and high school education, or encourage innovative use of technology and new techniques for presentation of classroom materials in high schools

**Link:** [www.avdf.org](http://www.avdf.org)

**Name: Ceres Foundation Grants**

**Who:** For benefit of disadvantaged youth and vulnerable families

**Amount:** Up to \$240,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Description:** To expand opportunities for disadvantaged youth and vulnerable families to develop and make full use of their potential, so that they will be able to earn decent livings, enjoy healthy relationships, pursue their ambitions, and participate in their communities.

**Link:** <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/ceres/>

**Name: JP Morgan Chase Grants**

**Who:** Open for non-profit organizations

**Amount:** Varies

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Description:** Create Pathways to Opportunity - a holistic approach to ensure that individuals have access to the knowledge, skills, resources, and capital they need to secure their futures and compete in the global economy.

**Link:** <http://www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/Corporate-Responsibility/grant-programs.htm>